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FY 2004 BUDGET AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR GLEN CANYON NRA AND RAINBOW BRIDGE NM ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REIVEW

PAGE, AZ Kitty L. Roberts, Superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA) and Rainbow Bridge National Monument (NM), announced the park's budget, annual performance plan, and estimates for fee revenues for FY 2004 are available for public review as required by the "National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998." The Annual Performance Plan, which responds to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, details goals for the balance of this fiscal year with the annual work plan, expected outcomes and fiscal and human resources needed for each goal.

Congress appropriated Glen Canyon NRA \$9,275,000 with an additional \$101,000 for Rainbow Bridge NM, for operation and maintenance of the respective areas under the FY 2004 budget.

Glen Canyon NRA encompasses over 1.25 million acres and experiences just under two million visitors annually. In addition to the headquarters office located in Page, Arizona, district offices are located at Lees Ferry, Wahweap (which also covers Antelope Point and Dangling Rope), Bullfrog, Halls Crossing, Hite (which also covers Hans Flat) and Escalante.

Operating and maintaining facilities in many of the outlying districts is very similar to running a small town. In addition to protecting park resources and visitor safety, we produce power, operate water and wastewater treatment plants, staff visitor centers, maintain roads and trails, and provide housing, solid waste disposal, law enforcement and fire protection for residents. Glen Canyon currently has 150 permanent positions with this number increasing to nearly 250 during the summer season.

A summary of Glen Canyon NRA's operating budget and estimated FY 2004 fee revenue includes:

Facilities Operation & Maintenance: Includes buildings, grounds, roads,	\$3,270,000
utilities, boats, solid waste, water and wastewater treatment, water quality, the	
dive program and maintenance related resource preservation.	
Visitor Services: Includes law enforcement, search and rescue, dispatch, lake	\$2,420,000
pollution control, emergency medical services, visitor center operations, ranger	
programs, education, resource protection and business management.	

Resources Management and Preservation: Includes resource preservation for natural and cultural resources, grazing management, water quality assessment, cultural liaison activities, research and science programs.	\$665,000
Administrative Support: Includes the superintendent's office and other administrative services to support operations including, visitor services, facilities and maintenance, and resource management. This includes the park's safety program, telecommunications, aviation, fleet management, boat and vehicle fuel and information resource management support.	\$2,920,000
Fee Revenue: Anticipated revenues from entrance, user, and special park use fees fund the cost of collecting fees and costs associated with special park uses as well as key projects. Some of those projects include Lone Rock improvements, planning & design for exhibits at Carl Hayden Visitor Center, water quality efforts, Wahweap picnic area upgrade, graffiti removal parkwide, exotic species control, inventory paleontological resources and Antelope Point ramp extension.	\$1,500,000

A summary of Rainbow Bridge NM's budget:

Visitor Services: Includes protection and education staff.	\$ 26,000
Facilities Operation and Maintenance: Docks, trails, and restrooms.	\$ 75,000

In addition to Glen Canyon NRA's appropriated operating budget, other funding sources will provide over 7 million dollars this year for much needed facilities and projects that would otherwise not be possible. These funding sources include NPS repair/rehab funds, and special accounts derived from a percentage of gross receipts from services provided to park visitors by Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas, construction appropriation outlays, concession revenues, and utility and quarters income. Some of the major facility projects include rehabilitation of the Bullfrog sewage lagoons and employee housing at Lee Ferry, permanent housing to replace trailers at Bullfrog, Halls Crossing and Hite, completing facility condition assessments, and completion of the sewer system installation from Wahweap Marina to the City of Page. Resource preservation projects include recovering dinosaur track-ways, rehabilitating riparian habitat, and restoring Llewellyn watershed.

Glen Canyon NRA's 5-year Strategic Plan is available on the Internet at http://www.nps.gov/glca/pphtml/facts.html.

Copies of Glen Canyon NRA's Annual Performance Plan may be obtained by writing:

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